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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, MR, SG, UK  
SUBJ: FOUNDERING OF LADY DASHWOOD

REF: DAKAR 6116

1. EMBOFF VISITED WHARF AUGUST 14, INSPECTED TRAWLER WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEACHED AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE STARBOARD SIDE TO THE SEA ABOUT 300 METERS SOUTH OF NOUAKCHOTT WHARF. WAVES ARE ENTERING VESSEL AND WATER HAS PROBABLY HAS PROBABLY DAMAGES MOST OF RADAR, SONAR AND RADIO EQUIPMENT. ENGINE COMPARTMENTS APPEAR FLOODED. HIGH TIDE PROHIBITED ACTUAL ON-BOARD INSPECTION. WE NOTED NO SIGN OF ANY CREW OR GUARD FORCE. CAPTAIN OF VESSEL WAS LATER LOCATED IN NOUAKCHOTT HOTEL, REPORTS THAT SALVAGE ATTEMPT, WITH ASSISTANCE OF MENDES JR. INT. (BRAZILIAN COMPANY LOCATED IN NOUAKCHOTT) WILL BE MADE AUGUST 15.

2. VESSEL APPARENTLY WAS ANCHORED OFF-SHORE ON NIGHT OF JULY 31 AUG 1  
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WHEN ITS ANCHOR CHAIN WAS CUT BY GREEK CARGO SHIP M/S MADINA.

3. CAPTAIN AND CREW OF DASHWOOD WERE APPARENTLY NOT ON BOARD AT TIME OF INCIDENT, BUT CLAIM TO HAVE LEFT VESSEL ANCHORED IN SAFE LOCATION, WELL LIGHTED. CAPTAINS SEVERING OF ANCHOR WAS INTENTIONAL, AND FURTHER CLAIMS LOCALURTISINAL FISHERMEN DELIBERATELY INTERFERRED WITH ONE ATTEMPTED SALVAGE EFFORT

INVOLVING TWO TUGBOATS, BY FOULING TUGBOAT MOTORS WITH THEIR NETS.  
FYI: HERETO FORE, MOST FISHING OFF NOUAKCHOTT HAS BEEN BY SMALL  
COOPERATIVES WITH PIROGUES POWERED BY HAND OR SMALL OUTBOARD MOTORS.  
APPEARANCE OF FAIRLY MODERN CRAFT FROM SENEGAL IS A FAIRLY  
RECENT PHENOMENON, AND VIEWED BY LOCAL FISHERMEN AS UNWELCOME  
COMPETITION. END FYI.

4. REPORT MADE BY SOCIETE MAURITANIENNE D'ASSURANCES ET DE REASSURANCES

(SMAR) AT REQUEST OF NOUAKCHOTT SHIPPING COMPANY SOCIETE COMMERCIAL  
TRANSPORT TRANSATLANTIQUE MAURITANIENNE (SCTTM) WILL BE FURNISHED TO  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR.

5. COMMENT: WHILE REPORT DOES NOT SPECULATE ON CAUSES OF ACCIDENT,  
ANY DIRECTOR OF WHARF INFORMED US THAT MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES  
WOULD NOT CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION, DOCK WORKERS MAINTAIN VESSEL  
WAS MOORED IN PROHIBITED AREA, AND FOUND UNOCCUPIED BY WHARF CREW  
SENT TO MOVE IT TO NEW LOCATION. WHILE IN NEW LOCATION, GREEK  
FREIGHTER WAS SEEN TO PASS TWO TIMES PAST LADY DASHWOOD, SEVERING  
ANCHOR ON SECOND PASS. CAPTAIN REPORTS HE MADE STATEMENT TO  
WHARF POLICE STATION AS DID OTHER WITNESSES AND WISHES TO FILE  
COMPLAINT BUT SINCE NO LOCAL COURT WITH JURISDICTION OVER MARITIME  
MATTERS  
EXISTS IN NOUAKCHOTT, STATUS OF ANY ATTEMPTS AT LITIGATION  
ARE UNCERTAIN. END COMMENT. KRYZA

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